THE TEN COMMANDMENTS
FOR ALVEDA CELESTE KING

1. THOU SHALT NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS:

You have said: "I am outraged that sexual preference and sexual conduct are being equated with skin color. By inserting this behavior into civil rights law, the meaning of true civil rights is destroyed."

There is no legislation on the planet that equates "sexual preference" or sexual conduct with skin color. There is no pending legislation that would state that. It is not truthful to assert this as fact.

There is no "inserting" of any behavior into any law. It is not truthful to assert this as fact.

2. THOU SHALT NOT STEAL THE RHETORIC OF THE RACIST RIGHT:

You stated: "I've met a lot of ex-homosexuals but I've never met a former black person".

This statement is straight from the script. Word per word. These words were formed in the mind of someone who is not a member of our culture. Every Black person knows about 'passing for white'. Thousands of "former blacks" are passing for white at this very moment.

3. THOU SHALT NOT TAKE MONEY FROM THE RADICAL RACIST RIGHT IN VAIN:

You may think you are gaining the world, but you will lose your soul.

4. THOU SHALT NOT COVET THE SPOTLIGHT FOR POLITICAL GAIN BY DEMEANING, DISRESPECTING, AND FOMENTING HATRED AGAINST THINE OWN CONSTITUENTS

This also comes under the heading of "Thou Shalt Not Shoot Thyself in the Foot". When running for office (or contemplating it) you should not put your constituents on the same level as 'liars, thieves and child molesters'. This is immoral and indicates a failure of character.

5. THOU SHOULD NOT CONSORT WITH THE HISTORICAL ENEMIES OF AFRICAN-AMERICANS:
It makes you look bad.

6 THOU SHALT NOT KILL THE SPIRIT OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT:
The Civil Rights Movement is about the rights of CIVILIANS. Civilians are entitled to equal justice under the law. No group has to "go through what Black people went through"to have rights as citizens.

7. REMEMBER THE KING LEGACY--- TO KEEP IT HOLY.

8. DO UNTO OTHERS AS YOU WOULD HAVE THEM DO UNTO YOU.

We are All God's Children.

9. HONOR THY ANCESTORS:
James Baldwin, Bayard Rustin, Lorraine Hanesberry, George Washington Carver, Alvin Ailey, Josephine Baker, Alberta Hunter, Moms Mabley, Barbara Jordan, Audre Lourde, Ma Rainey, Bessie Smith, Sylvester, Billy Strayhorn, Billie Holliday... Would you deny these gay, lesbian, and bisexual people equal justice? African-American gay, lesbian, and bisexual people will not be told to go to the back of the bus of justice by you or anyone else.

10. THOU SHALT COMMIT THYSELF TO GROW IN WISDOM AND UNDERSTANDING:
We are praying for you. When you grow in wisdom, you will be able to perceive the spiritual value and sacredness of your lesbian, gay, and bisexual brothers and sisters.